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**LEGION**  
OF SUPER-HEROES

**END**  
OF AN  
**ERA**  
THE REAL  
CONCLUSION



McCRAW  
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**THE LAST LEGIONNAIRE**

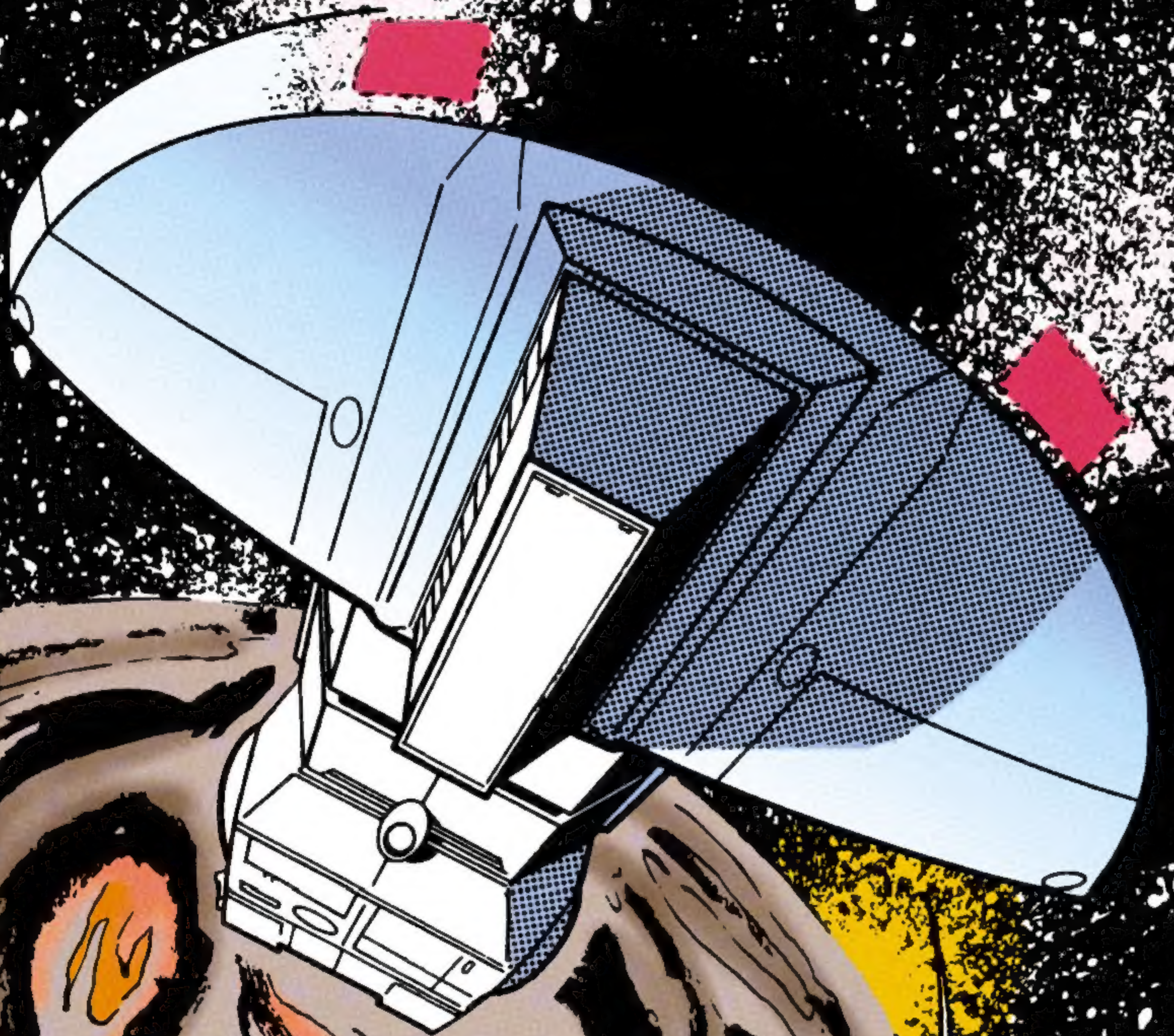


# END OF AN ERA, FINALE: BORROWED TIME!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT  
FOR THE LEGION OF  
SUPER-HEROES.

IN A DESPERATE BID TO ENTOMB  
MORDRU THE MERCILESS, THE  
LEGION PRODDED HIS OILING  
ENERGIES INTO THE HEART  
OF A PLANET...

...AN ILL-CHOSEN ONE...



NASS! BRANDE  
TRIED REPLACING  
NEW EARTH WITH  
THAT?!

POCKET-EARTH  
WAS UNSTABLE TO BEGIN  
WITH! IF WE CAN'T KEEP  
IT FROM REACTING TO  
MORDRU'S POWER,  
IT'LL BLOW--

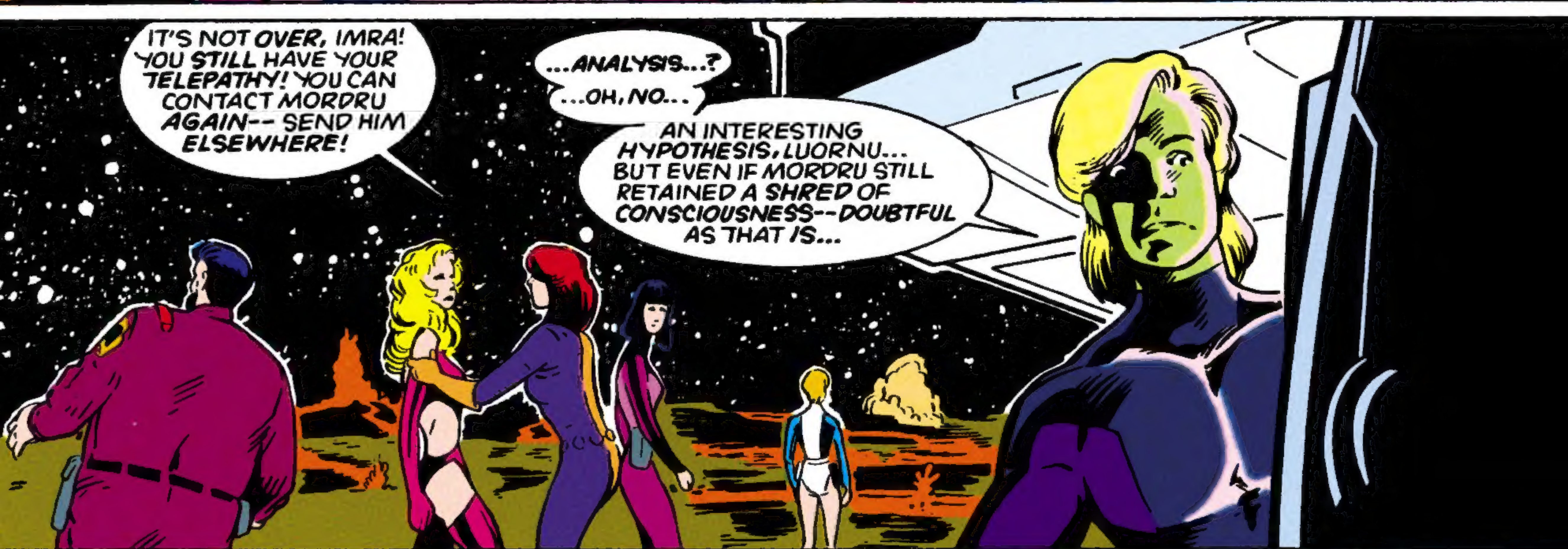
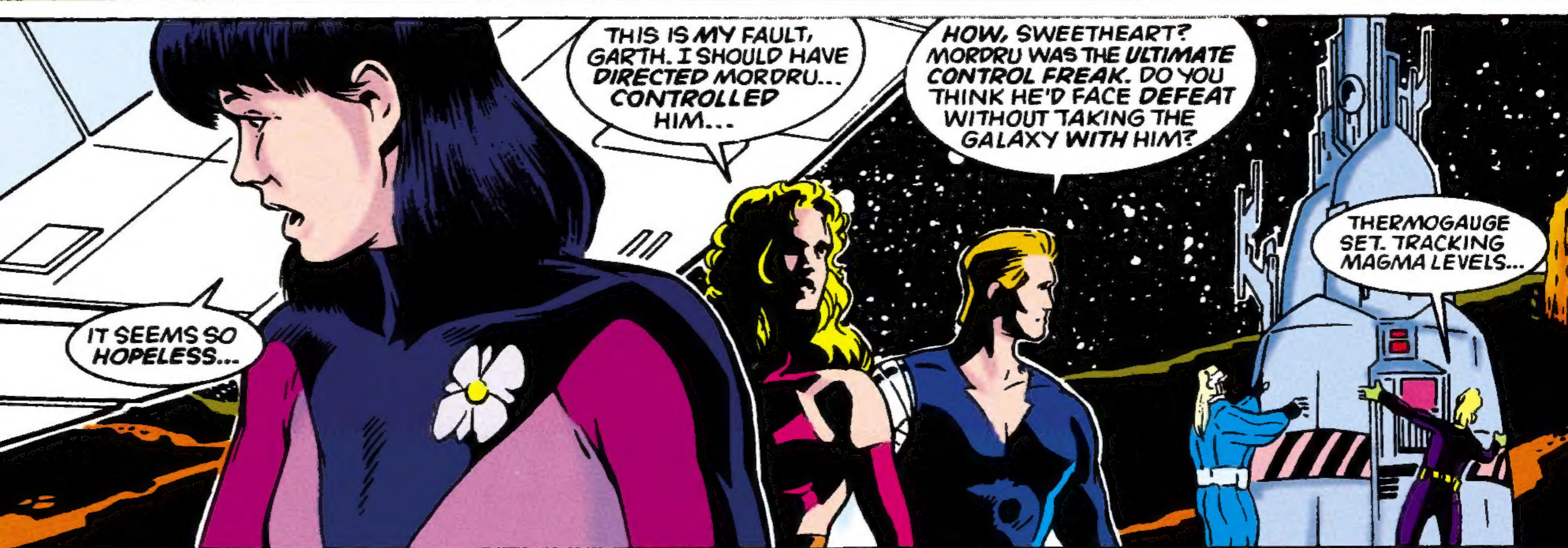
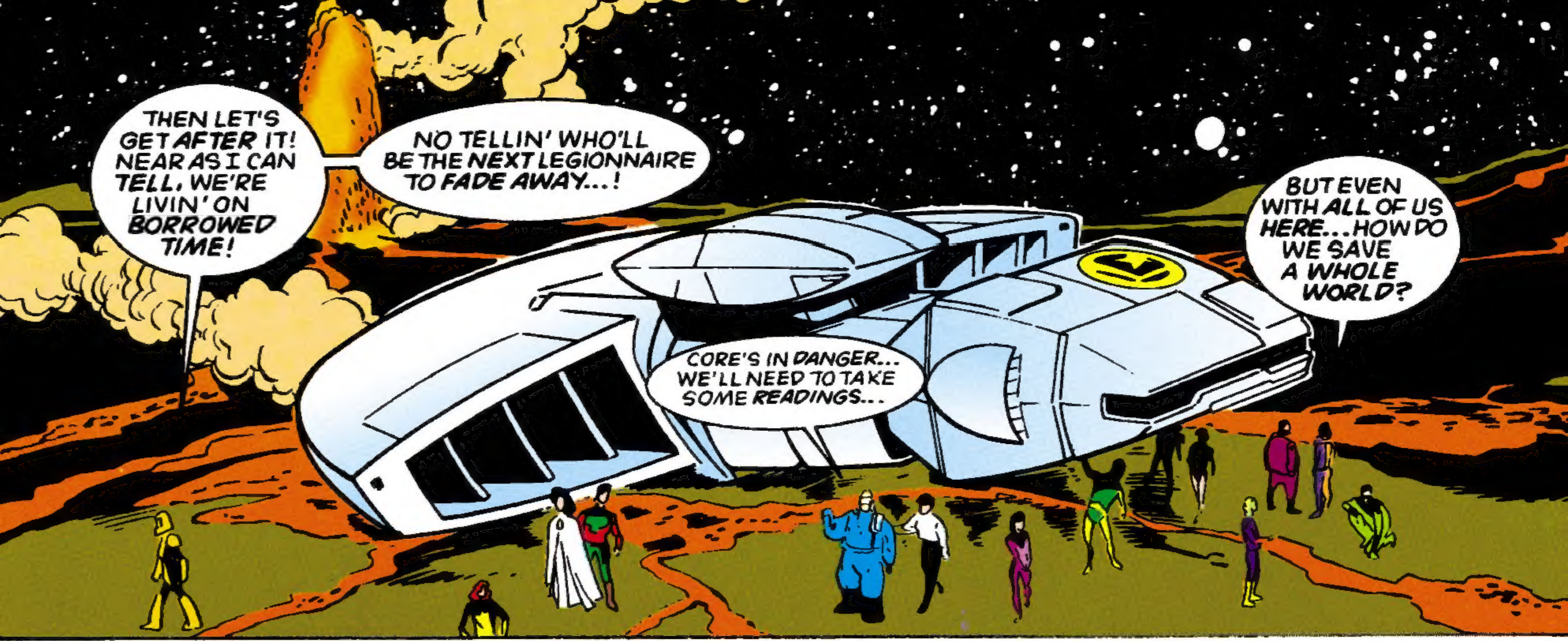
--AND TAKE  
THE ENTIRE SOLAR  
SYSTEM WITH  
IT!

DEDICATED WITH RESPECT AND  
ADMIRATION TO BINDER, SIEGEL,  
SHOOTER, LEVITZ, GIFFEN AND  
THE BIERBAUMS... THE  
ARCHITECTS OF TOMORROW!

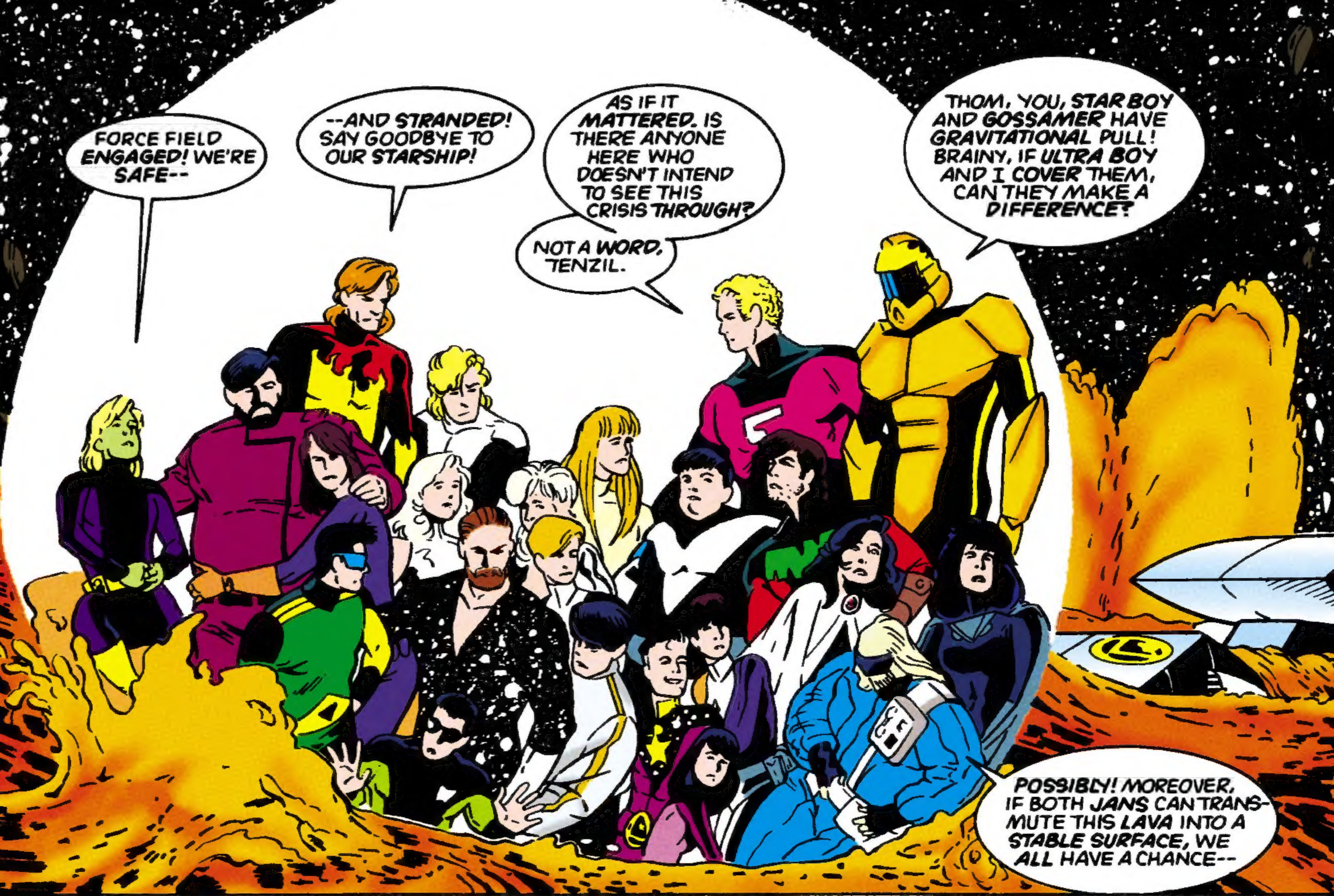
BY WAID, McCRAW, IMMONEN,  
BOYD, PINAHA, McAVENNIE,  
AND CARLSON.

SPECIAL THANKS TO KURT BUSIEK!









FORCE FIELD  
ENGAGED! WE'RE  
SAFE--

--AND STRANDED!  
SAY GOODBYE TO  
OUR STARSHIP!

AS IF IT  
MATTERED. IS  
THERE ANYONE  
HERE WHO  
DOESN'T INTEND  
TO SEE THIS  
CRISIS THROUGH?

NOT A WORD,  
TENZIL.

THOM, YOU, STAR BOY  
AND GOSSAMER HAVE  
GRAVITATIONAL PULL!  
BRAINY, IF ULTRA BOY  
AND I COVER THEM,  
CAN THEY MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE?

POSSIBLY! MOREOVER,  
IF BOTH JANS CAN TRANS-  
MUTE THIS LAVA INTO A  
STABLE SURFACE, WE  
ALL HAVE A CHANCE--



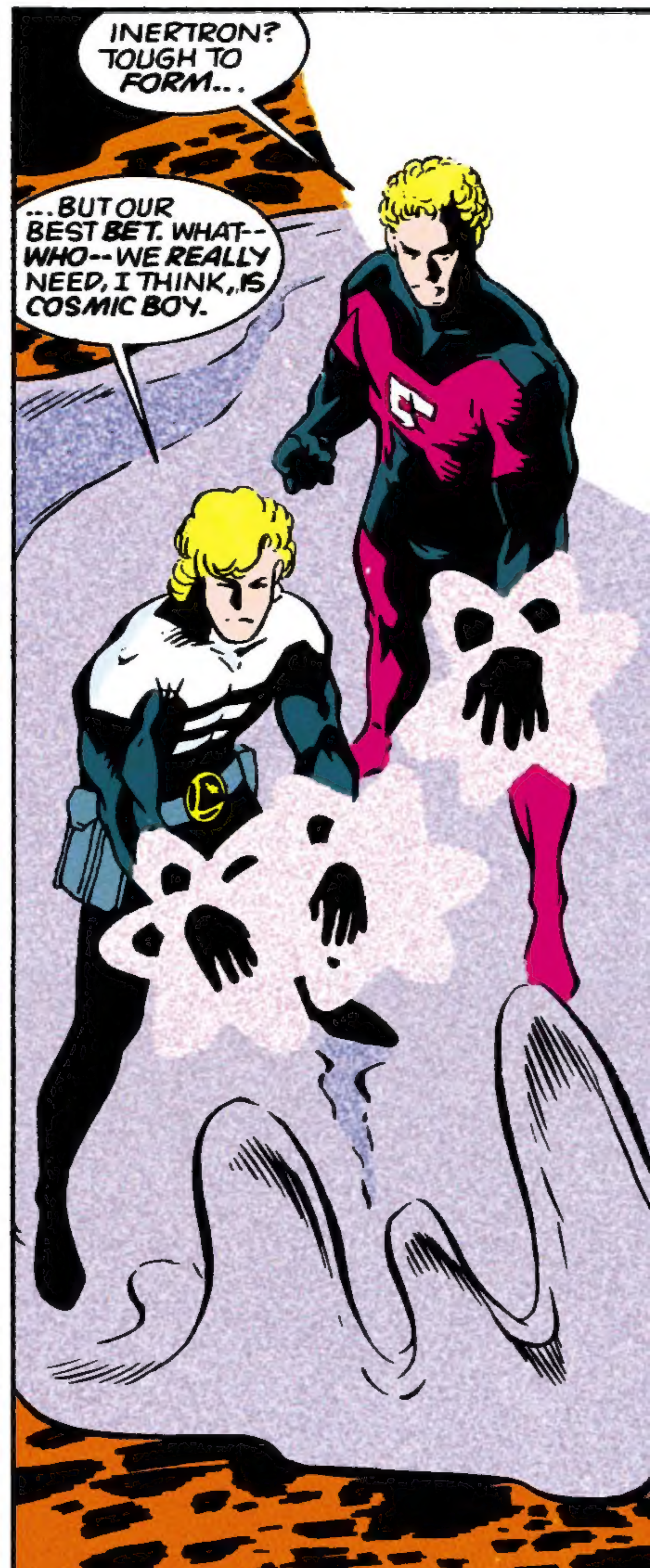
--BUT WE  
MUST ACT FAST!  
GO!

GO!



WHAT ABOUT  
THE REST OF US?  
WE CAN'T PUSH  
PLANETS, BUT WE  
CAN STILL HELP...  
CAN'T WE?

DON'T LOOK  
AT US. WE HAD  
PLANET FOR  
BREAKFAST...!



INERTRON?  
TOUGH TO  
FORM...

...BUT OUR  
BEST BET. WHAT--  
WHO-- WE REALLY  
NEED, I THINK, IS  
COSMIC BOY.

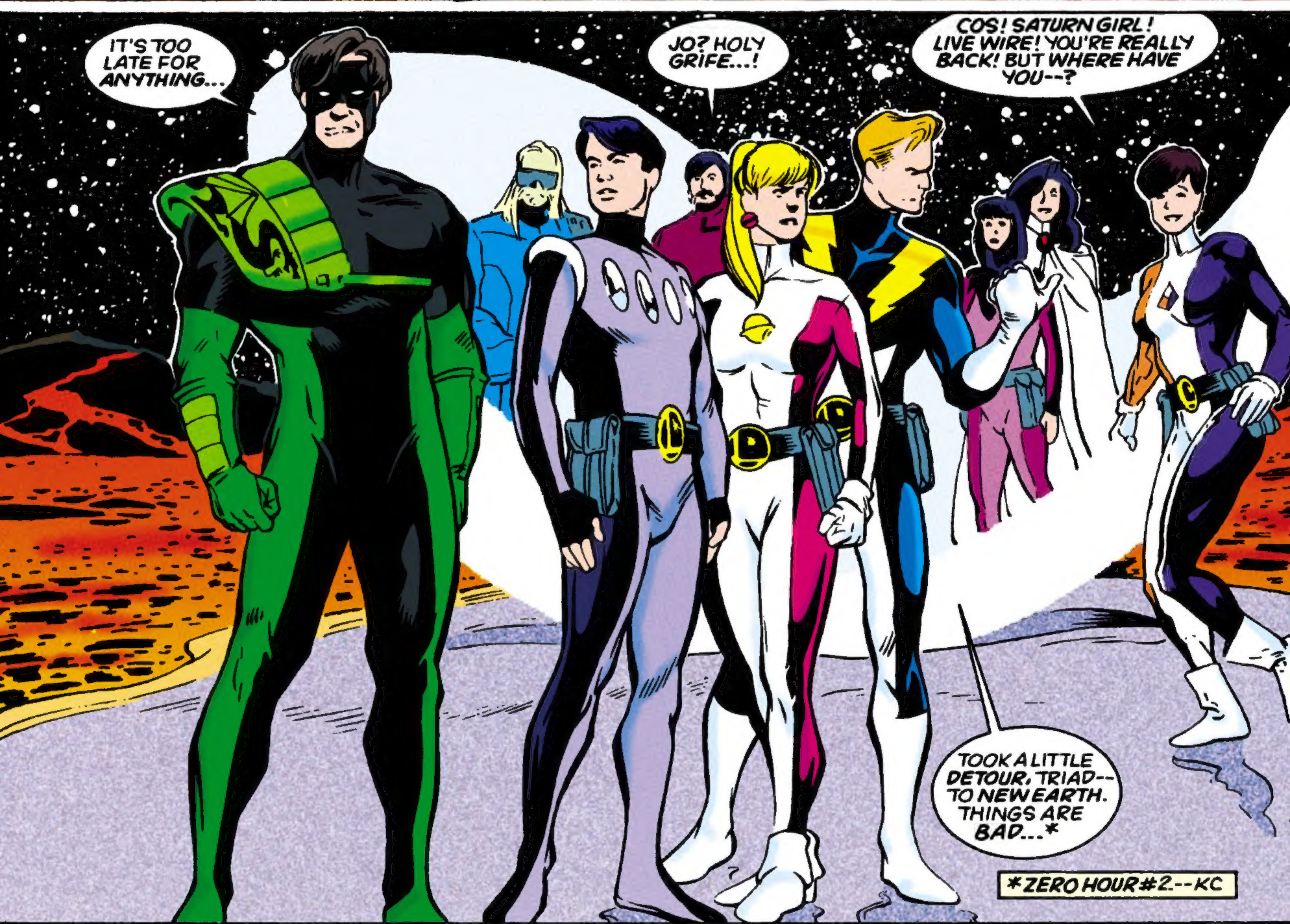




HIS MAGNETIC  
POWERS MIGHT ENABLE  
HIM TO STRATIFY A  
PLANETARY CRUST...

I WOULDN'T  
COUNT ON IT,  
ALCHEMIST.

IT'S TOO  
LATE FOR  
THAT.



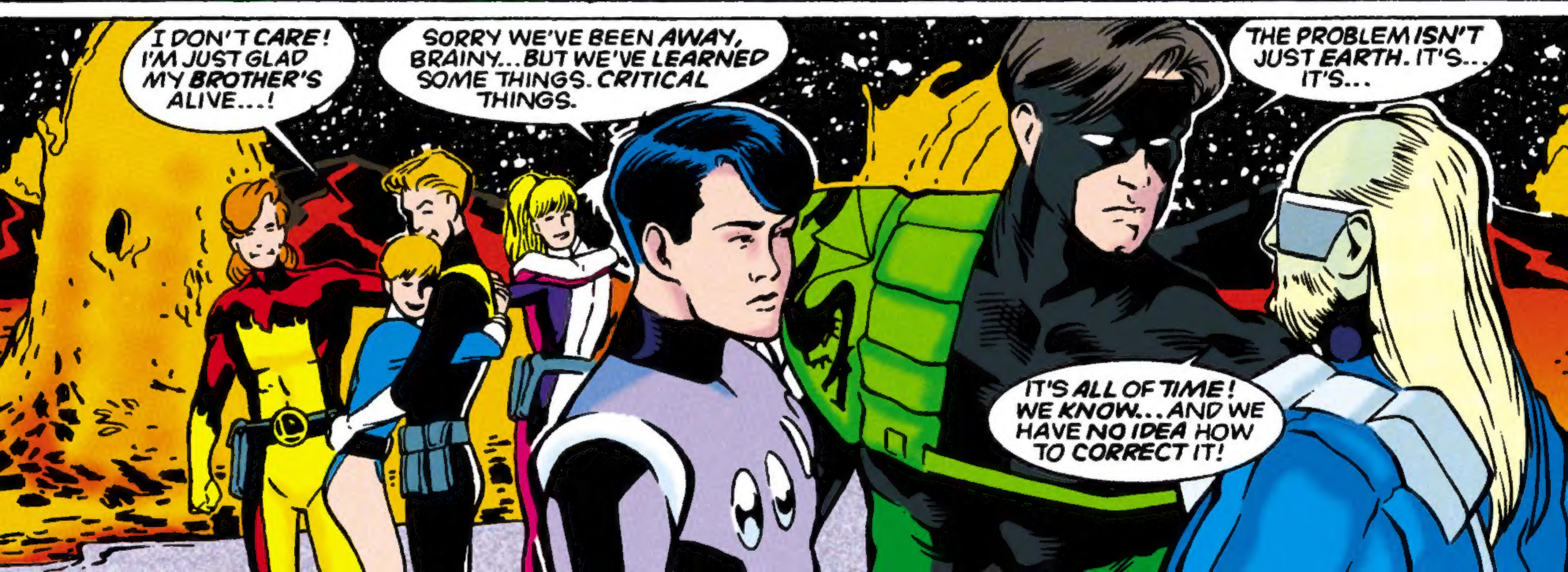
IT'S TOO  
LATE FOR  
ANYTHING...

JO? HOLY  
GRIFE...!

COS! SATURN GIRL!  
LIVE WIRE! YOU'RE REALLY  
BACK! BUT WHERE HAVE  
YOU--?

TOOK A LITTLE  
DETOUR, TRIAD--  
TO NEW EARTH.  
THINGS ARE  
BAD...\*

\*ZERO HOUR #2--KC



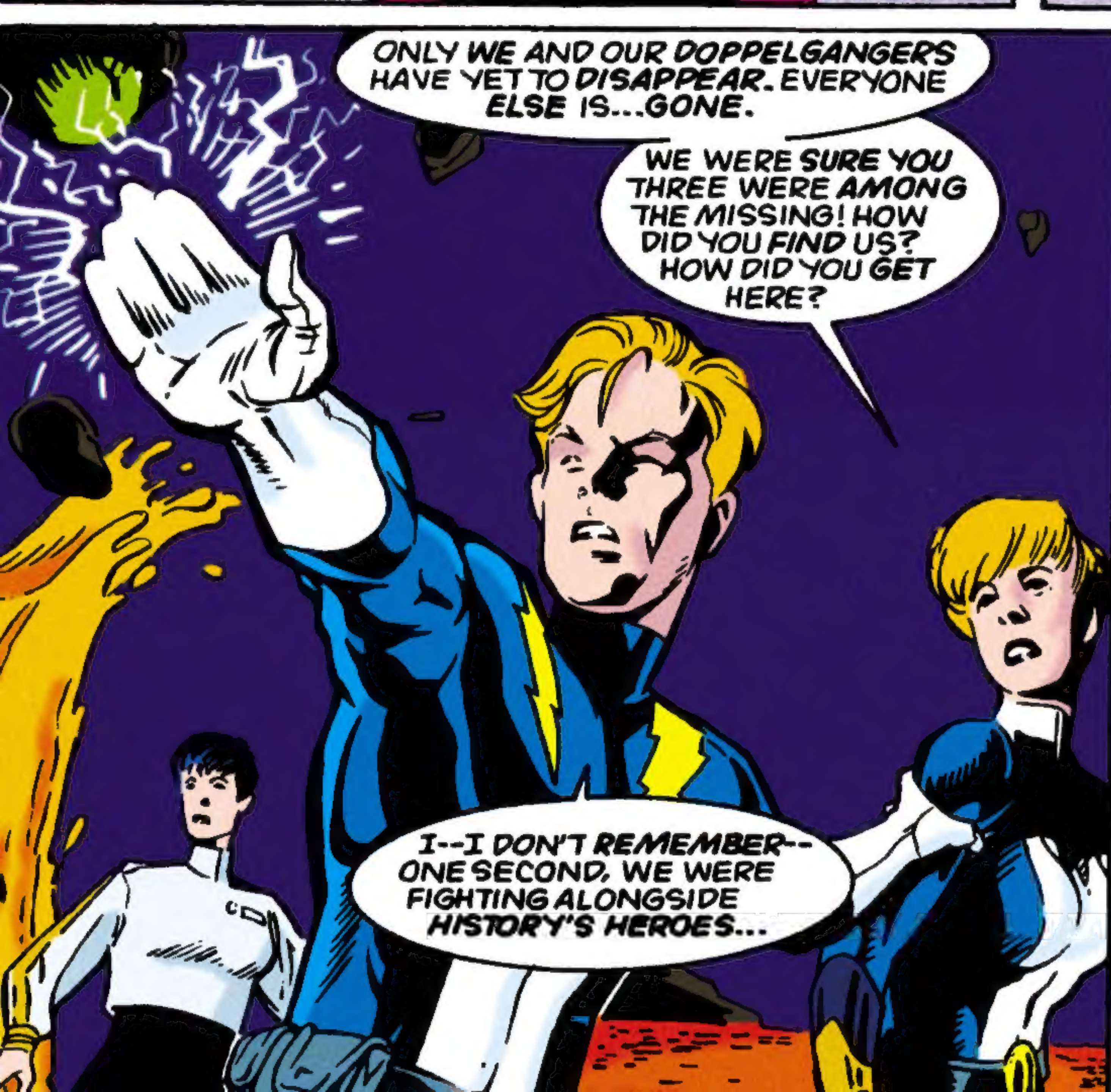
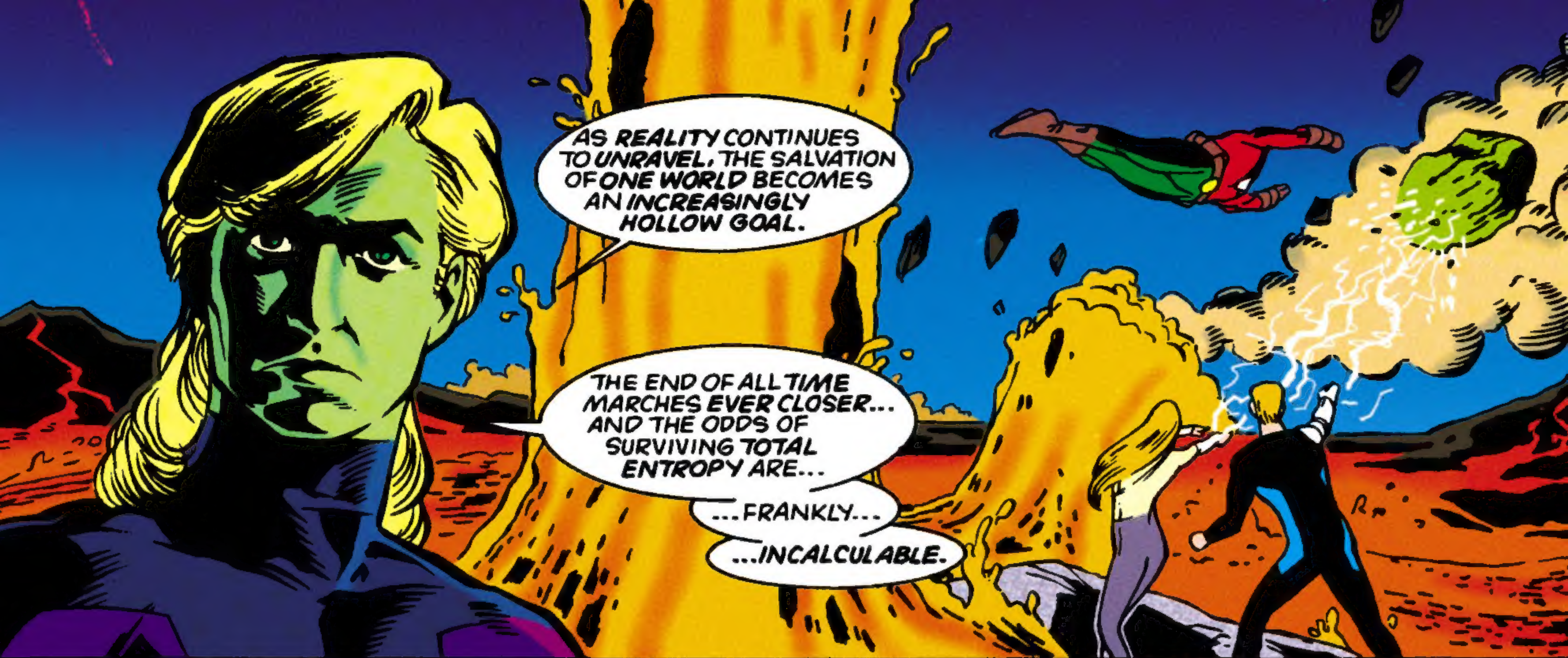
I DON'T CARE!  
I'M JUST GLAD  
MY BROTHER'S  
ALIVE...!

SORRY WE'VE BEEN AWAY,  
BRAINY... BUT WE'VE LEARNED  
SOME THINGS. CRITICAL  
THINGS.

THE PROBLEM ISN'T  
JUST EARTH. IT'S...  
IT'S...

IT'S ALL OF TIME!  
WE KNOW... AND WE  
HAVE NO IDEA HOW  
TO CORRECT IT!









...IT WAS  
SIMPLY A MATTER  
OF TIME!

THE TIME  
TRAPPER!

OF COURSE! MORDRU  
AND GLORITH...THEY  
SPOKE OF THE ONE  
ENEMY WHO COULD  
THWART THEM!

WE SHOULD  
HAVE GUESSED  
WHO THAT  
WOULD BE!



WHO ELSE WOULD STAND AT  
THE CENTER OF TIME'S  
FRACTURE? HE'S FINALLY  
DOOMED US ALL! HE'S  
WON!

NOT WITHOUT  
A FIGHT! LAST STAND,  
EVERYBODY! ON MY  
SIGNAL---



WAIT! YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND!

AS HARD AS IT IS  
TO BELIEVE--THE  
TRAPPER'S OUR  
ONLY HOPE!

--ROKK!





HELLO, DARLING!

ROKK! THANK GOD! I THOUGHT I'D NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN! I THOUGHT YOU WERE...

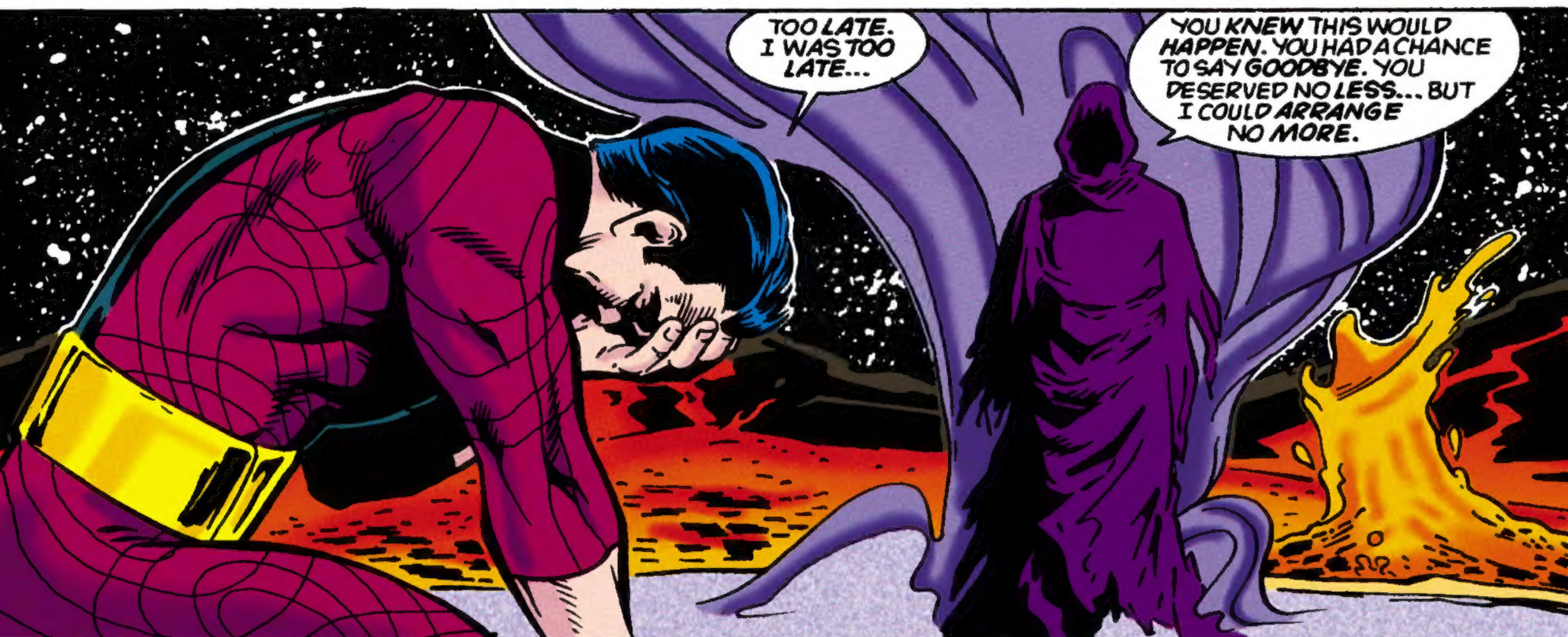


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...FOREVER...

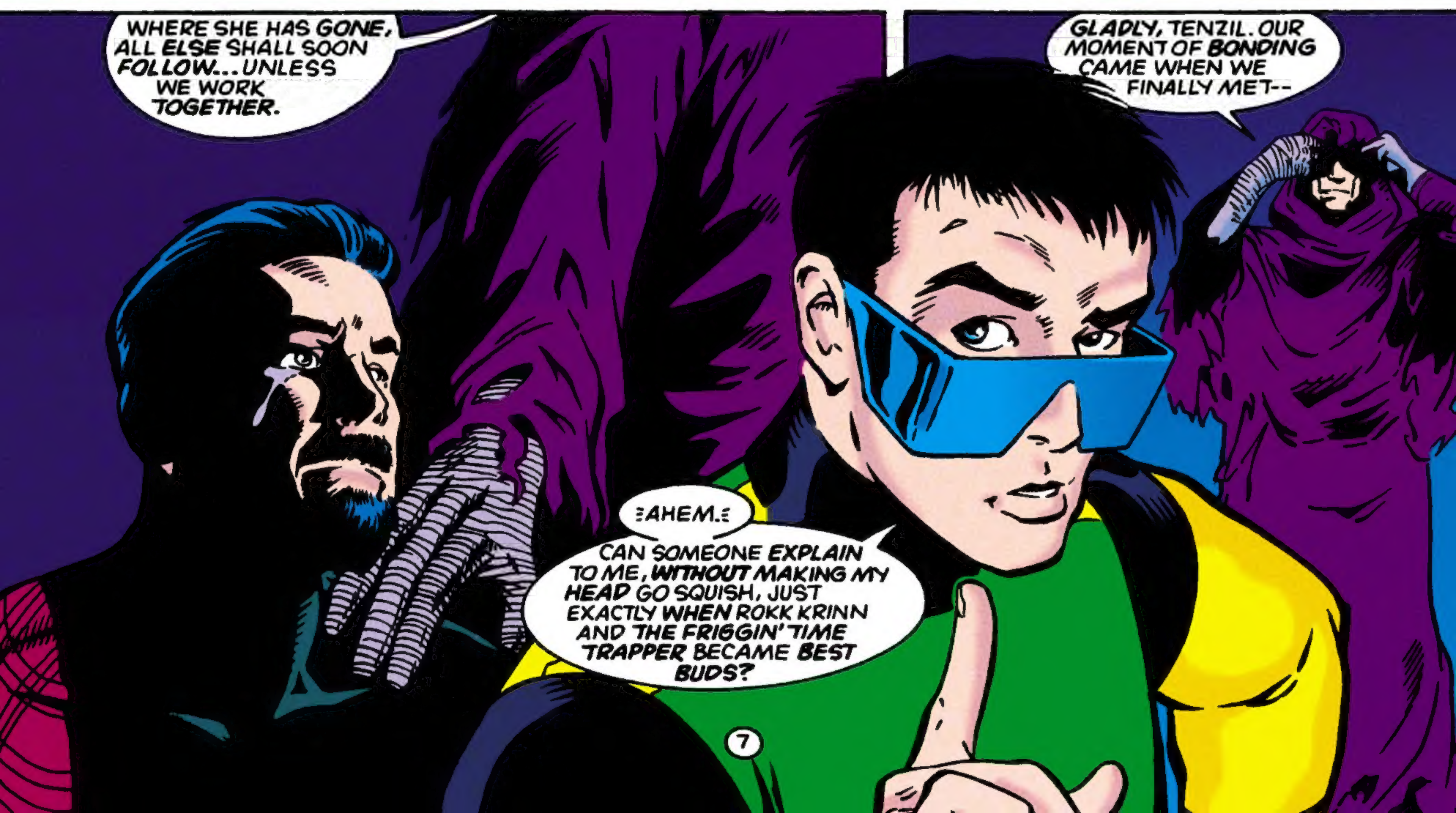
LYDDA?

LYDDAAA!



TOO LATE. I WAS TOO LATE...

YOU KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN. YOU HAD A CHANCE TO SAY GOODBYE. YOU DESERVED NO LESS... BUT I COULD ARRANGE NO MORE.



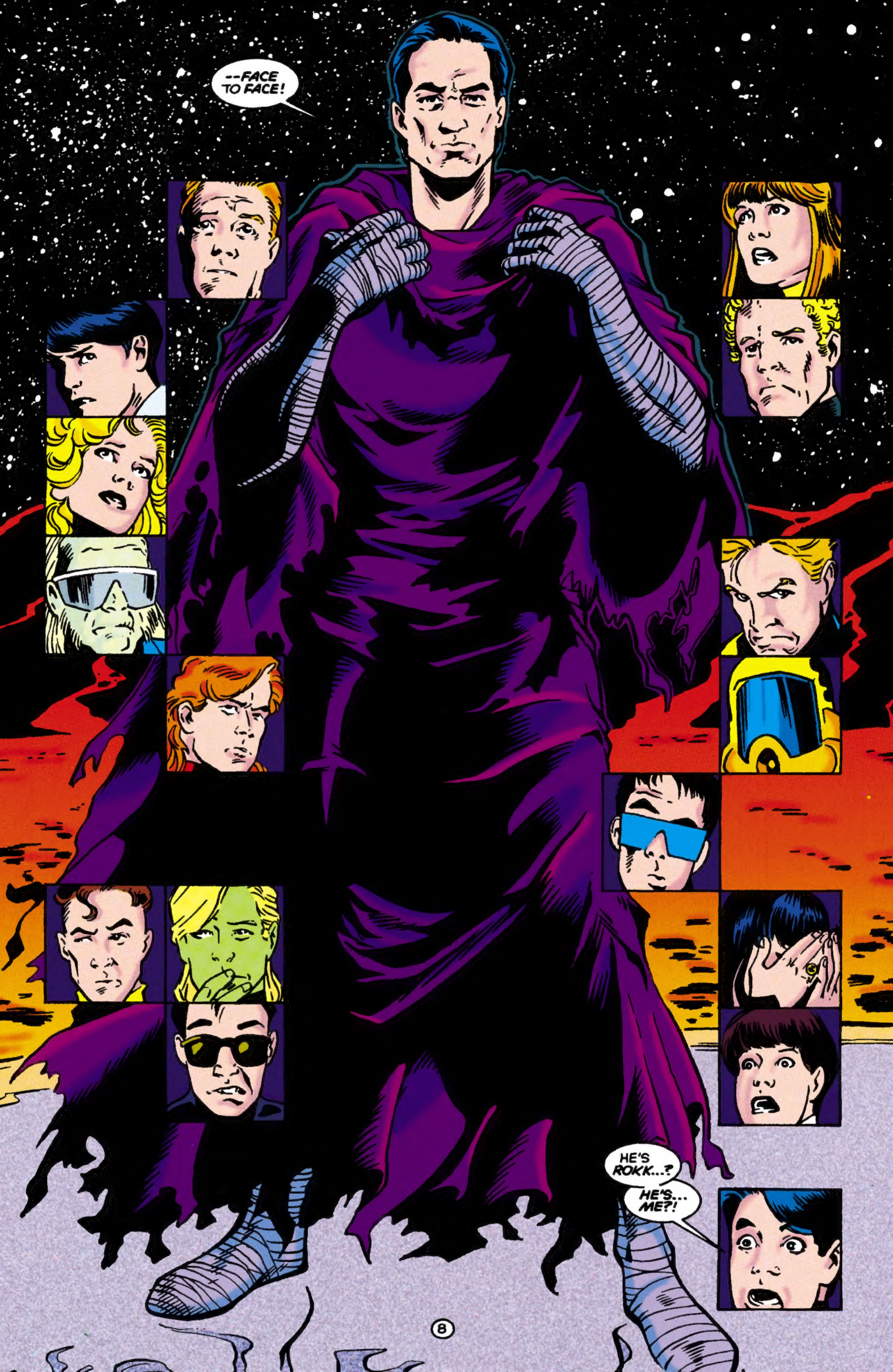
WHERE SHE HAS GONE, ALL ELSE SHALL SOON FOLLOW... UNLESS WE WORK TOGETHER.

GLADLY, TENZIL. OUR MOMENT OF BONDING CAME WHEN WE FINALLY MET--

==AHM==

CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN TO ME, WITHOUT MAKING MY HEAD GO SQUISH, JUST EXACTLY WHEN ROKK KRINN AND THE FRIGGIN' TIME TRAPPER BECAME BEST BUDS?





--FACE  
TO FACE!

HE'S  
ROKK...?  
HE'S...  
ME?!





IT'S ANOTHER TRICK!  
IT HAS TO BE! I'LL BET HE  
CAUSED THIS... WHAT  
DID VALOR CALL IT...?  
THIS CRISIS IN TIME!

ROKK'S FACE  
WON'T EARN YOU  
MY TRUST,  
TRAPPER!



THEN HOW  
ABOUT MY WORD?  
LISTEN TO ME,  
ULTRA BOY --  
HE'S TELLING  
THE TRUTH!

HOW DO  
YOU--?

I KNOW! IN MY  
ABSENCE, I LEARNED  
ALL THE SECRETS  
OF TIME!

I WAS DESTINED TO  
BECOME THE TRAPPER--  
TO TRY TIME AND AGAIN  
IN VAIN TO PREVENT  
THIS CATASTROPHE!

INSTEAD, I BROKE THE  
PATTERN AND CHOSE  
ANOTHER ROUTE--A  
DRASTIC PATH TO  
TRIUMPH THAT ONLY  
THE LEGION CAN  
MAKE WORK!



YOUR TEAM HAS  
ALREADY ACHIEVED A  
MEASURE OF VICTORY.  
HAD MORDRU AND GLORITH  
NOT BEEN STOPPED, THE  
TIMESTREAM WOULD  
HAVE BEEN TOO  
CORRUPTED FOR REPAIR.

THE LEGION  
MUST NOW CAPITALIZE  
ON THAT VICTORY.

YEARS AGO I TRIED  
TO SAVE THE LEGION BY  
DIVIDING IT CHRONALLY.  
THE YOUNG LEGIONNAIRES--  
AS YET UNTOUCHED BY  
THE SPECTER OF DEATH--  
WERE MEANT TO SURVIVE  
THIS CRISIS.

BY DIVERGING THE  
LEGION INTO TWO SEPARATE  
TIME TRACKS, HOWEVER, I  
CAUSED A DEVASTATING  
PARADOX THAT FURTHER  
WEAKENED TIME.



THEN WE HAVE TO  
CORRECT THAT  
PARADOX-- BUT  
HOW?



THE ANSWER LIES IN UNIFICA-  
TION. ONLY THE LEGIONNAIRES  
WHO HAVE DIRECT COUNTER-  
PARTS HAVE SURVIVED TIME'S  
FRAGMENTATION-- BECAUSE  
THEY ARE THE KEY.

IF THE UNIVERSE IS TO  
WEATHER THE COMING  
CHRONAL STORM, HEROES  
YOUNG AND OLD-- EACH  
AS REAL AS HIS DOPPEL-  
GANGER-- MUST BECOME  
ONE AGAIN!



WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?  
THAT WE HAVE TO SACRIFICE  
OUR LIVES? WHAT WILL  
THAT BUY THE  
UNIVERSE?



SURVIVAL.



EVEN AS WE SPEAK,  
THE FORCES OF ENTROPY  
ENGULF OUR ERA.

STARS VANISH...  
PLANETS DISAPPEAR...LOVED  
ONES FADE FROM EXISTENCE...  
AND THERE IS NOTHING WE  
CAN DO TO STOP IT.THERE  
NEVER WAS...AND BELIEVE  
ME, I HAVE TRIED.

ALL IS NOT LOST, HOW-  
EVER.THERE IS A SLIM CHANCE  
THAT IN THE WAKE OF ENTROPY,  
TIME CAN BE REBUILT...IF  
ITS WOUNDS ARE QUICKLY  
HEALED.

THOUGH NOT THE  
CAUSE OF TIME'S CHAOS,  
THE LEGION'S SPLIT  
NEVERTHELESS GAVE RISE  
TO TIME'S CONFUSION...  
AND CAUSED MORE  
PROBLEMS THAN IT  
EVER WOULD HAVE  
SOLVED.

LONG HAVE I KNOWN  
OF THE THIRTIETH CENTURY'S  
APPROACHING END. PERHAPS  
IT WAS THE HORROR OF THAT  
KNOWLEDGE WHICH, IN TIME,  
DROVE ME INSANE WITH  
DESPERATION...TRANS-  
FORMED ME FROM SAVIOR  
TO SINNER...

...IT MATTERS NOT.  
WHAT COUNTS AT THIS  
MOMENT IS TIME'S FINAL  
DISSOLUTION,ENGINEERED  
BY ENEMIES MORE  
HOSTILE THAN MYSELF.

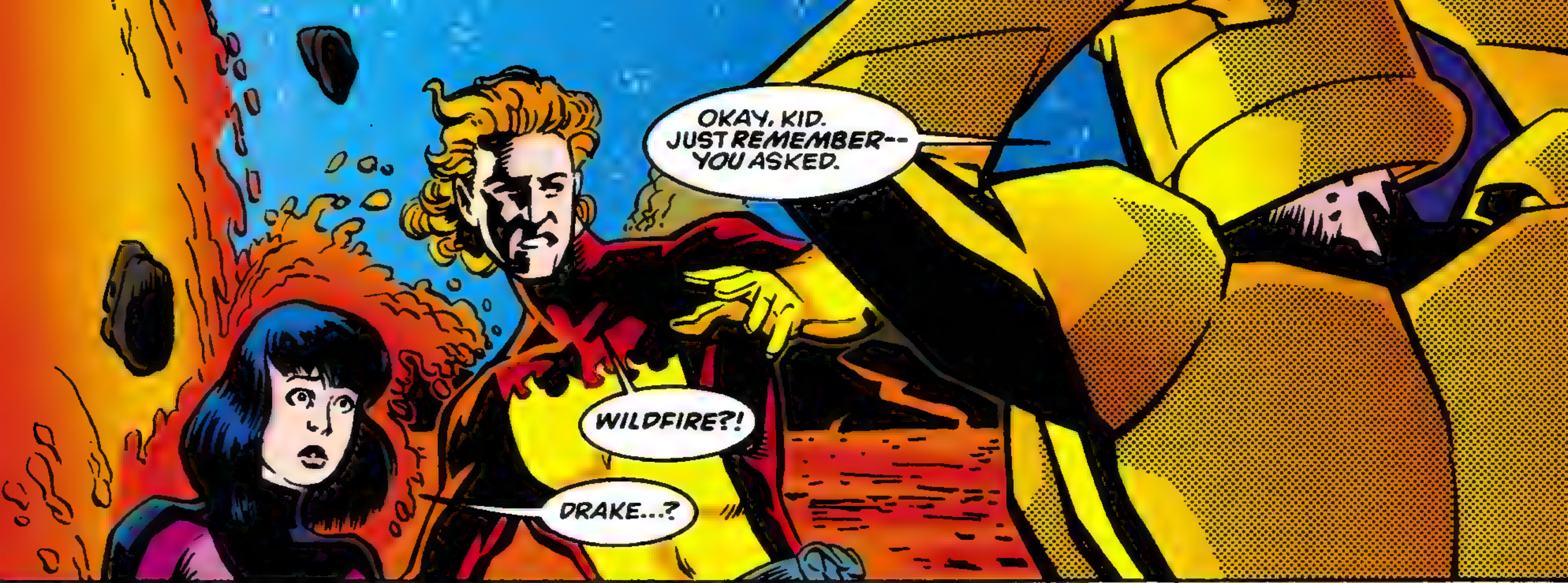
NOW, WITH MY  
HELP, THOSE SAME  
DOPPELGANGERS  
MUST REVERSE  
THEIR SPLIT... AND  
MERGE  
TOGETHER.

IF TIME IS  
EVER TO REALIGN...  
THE PARADOX OF  
YOUR COEXISTENCE  
MUST FIRST BE  
ELIMINATED.









OKAY, KID.  
JUST REMEMBER--  
YOU ASKED.

WILDFIRE?!

DRAKE...?



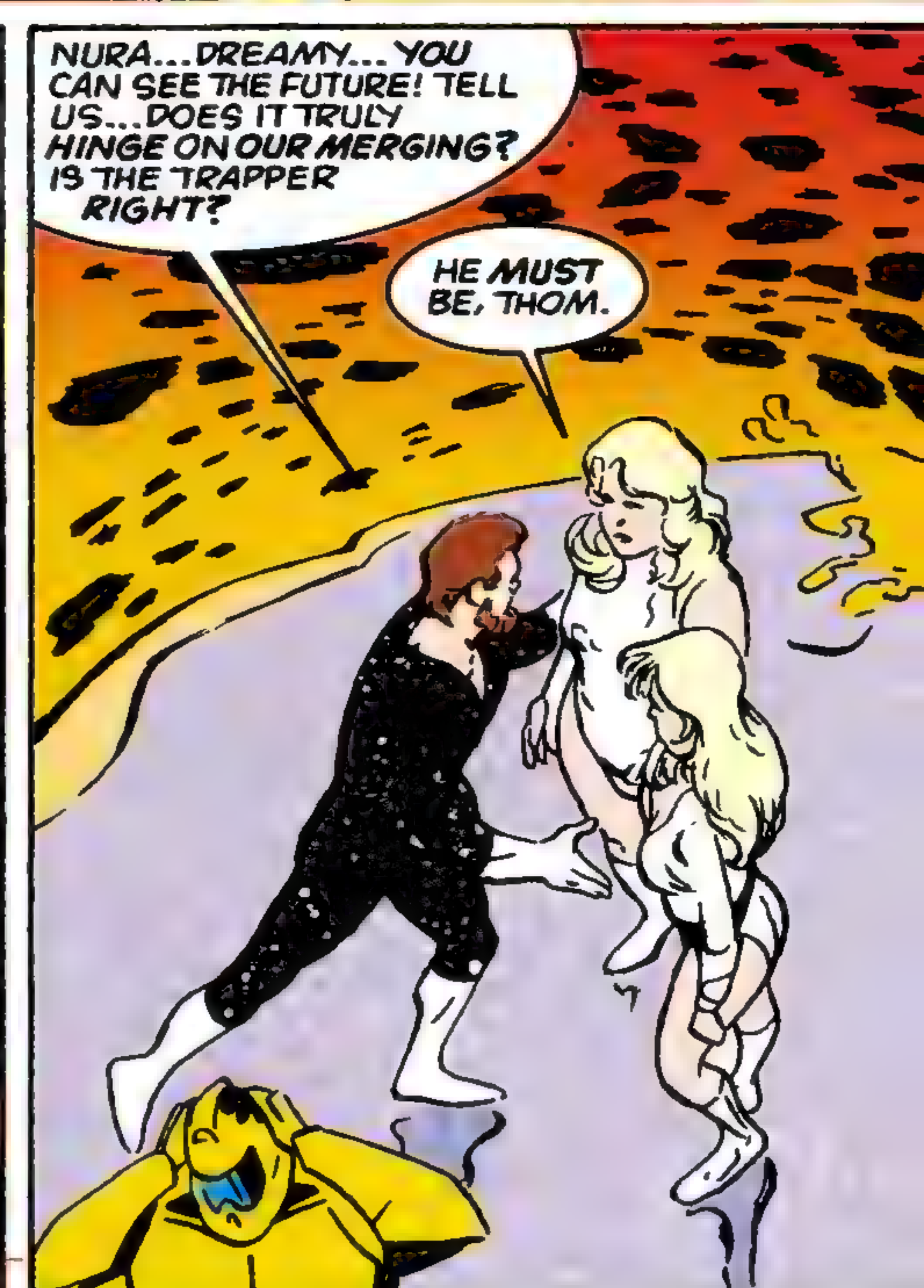
YEAH, DRAKE...  
HOUSED IN DIRK'S  
BODY.

AFTER GETTIN' FREE FROM  
THE SUN, MY ENERGIES  
STARTED DISSIPATIN'.  
I NEEDED SOMETHING TO  
CONTAIN 'EM, BUT THERE  
WAS NOTHIN' AROUND.

I LANDED ON  
SHANGHALLA, THINKIN'  
I WAS GONNA DIE, WHEN  
I FOUND DIRK'S BODY.  
IT WAS EXACTLY WHAT I  
NEEDED, AND I WAS  
DESPERATE, SO...

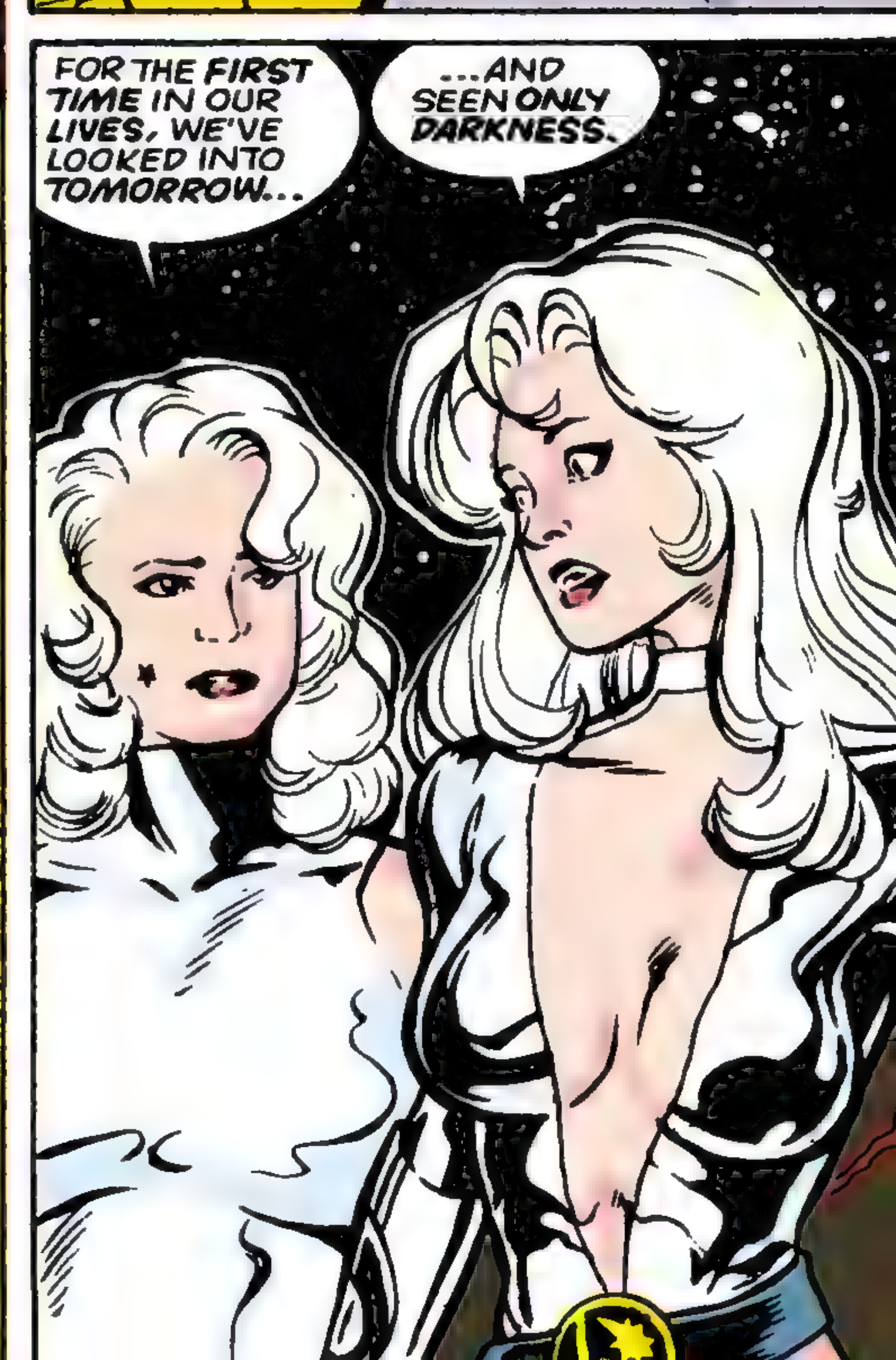
...I TRIED HIDIN'  
IT FROM ALL OF YOU 'CAUSE  
I WAS ASHAMED, BUT I  
GUESS THERE'S... NO  
MORE TIME FOR  
SECRETS.

PLEASE...  
PLEASE FORGIVE  
ME...



NURA... DREAMY... YOU  
CAN SEE THE FUTURE! TELL  
US... DOES IT TRULY  
HINGE ON OUR MERGING?  
IS THE TRAPPER  
RIGHT?

HE MUST  
BE, THOM.



FOR THE FIRST  
TIME IN OUR  
LIVES, WE'VE  
LOOKED INTO  
TOMORROW...

...AND  
SEEN ONLY  
DARKNESS.





JO!

IT'S HAPPENING TO ME, TOO! DON'T LET ME GO!

DON'T LET ME GO!



DAMN IT! YOU CAN'T LET THIS HAPPEN! I LOST MY TINYA! SHE WAS TAKEN FROM ME IN A SHIP EXPLOSION BEFORE I COULD EVEN TELL HER GOODBYE!

DON'T MAKE HIM GO THROUGH THAT SAME PAIN!

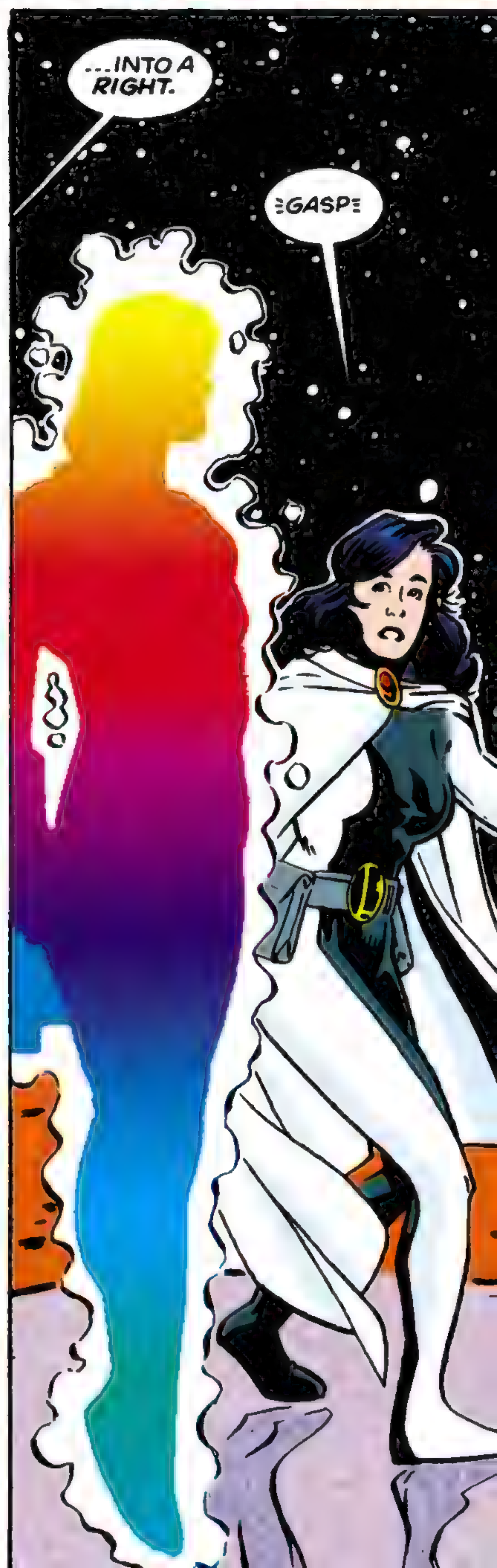
DO SOMETHING!

JO, APPARITION'S DOPPELGANGER IS LONG GONE! THERE'S NOTHING--

WAIT.

THOUGH IT WILL TAKE NEARLY ALL MY REMAINING POWER, I MAY YET BE ABLE TO CHANGE THE FINALITY OF HER FATE...

...BY REACHING THROUGH THE FOLDS OF HISTORY AND TURNING TWO WRONGS...



...INTO A RIGHT.

≡GASP≡



"TINYA...!"



DARLING--WHY  
ARE YOU CRYING?  
WHAT'S GOING  
ON?

THE LAST THING  
I REMEMBER WAS  
BEING ON A SHIP...  
WAVING TO  
YOU...

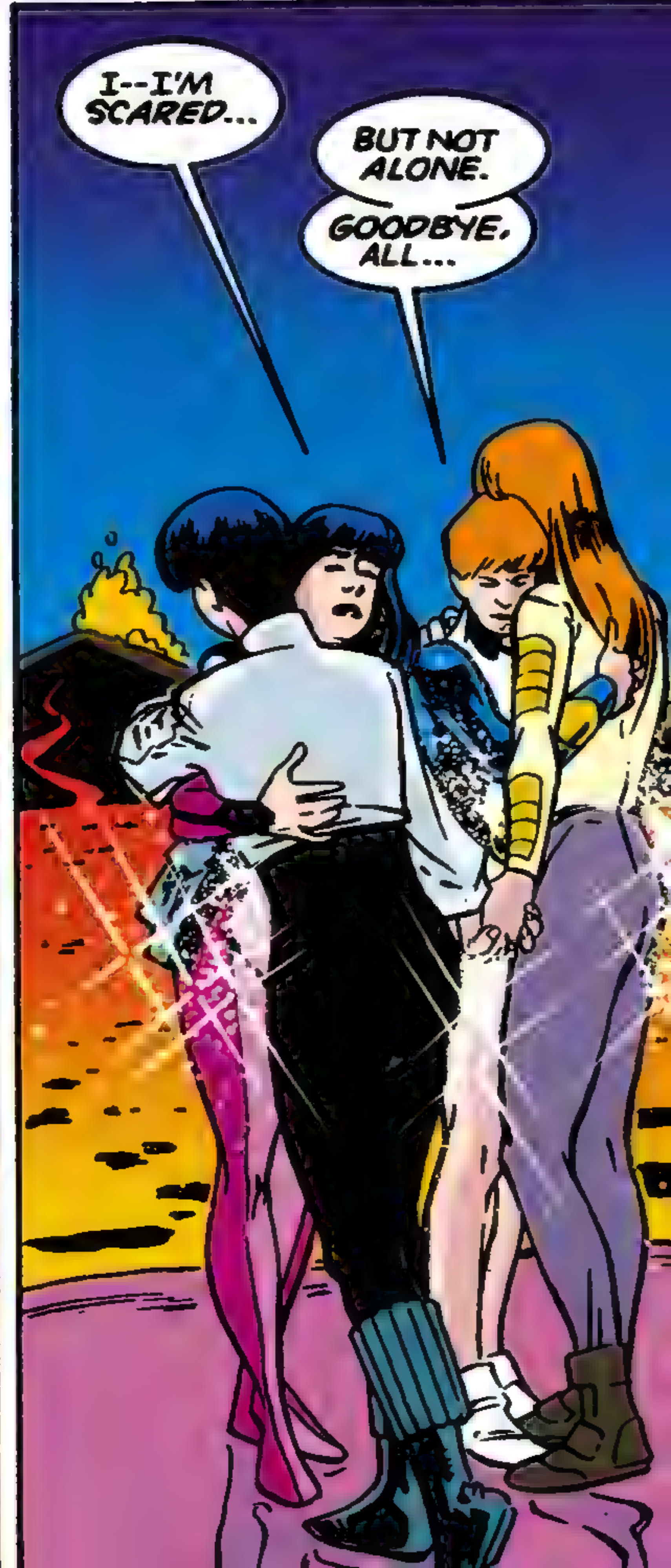
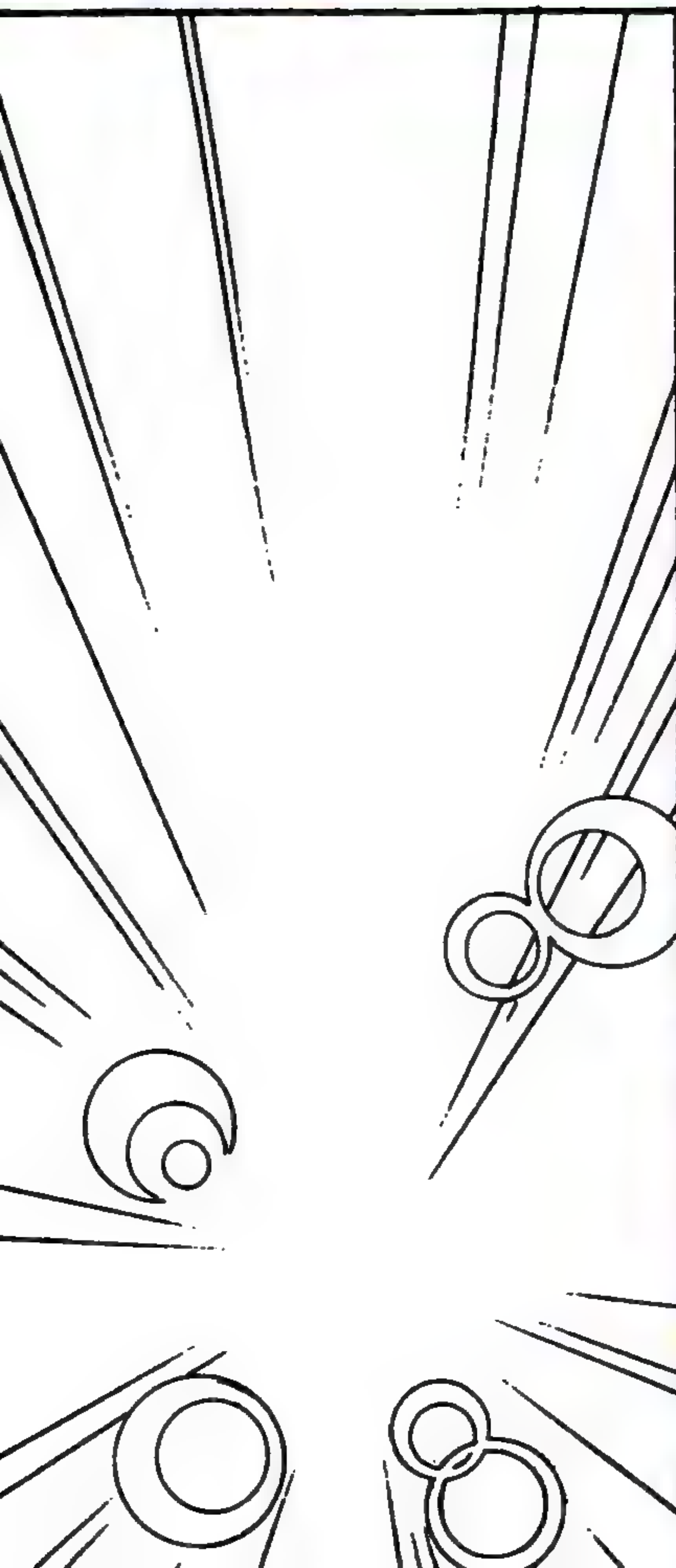
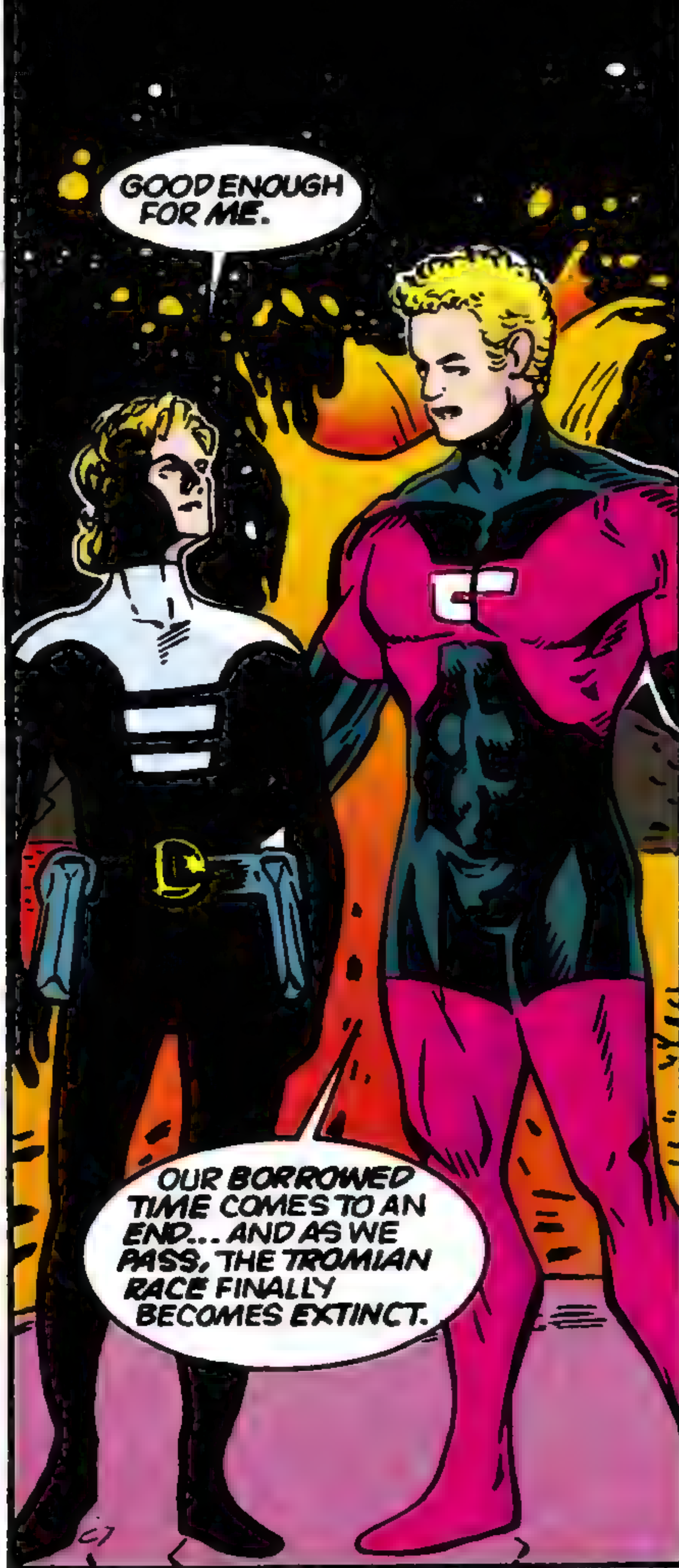
...WHERE  
AM I NOW?

IT DOESN'T MATTER,  
BABY. JUST FOLLOW  
ME... AND I PROMISE  
YOU...

...WE'LL BE  
TOGETHER IN  
GLORY...WHERE  
WE BELONG.











WE NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO TRY THIS COMBINATION, DID WE?

I DON'T MIND IT, REALLY.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME... I FEEL COMPLETE...



FIVE INTO THREE INTO NONE. THAT SIZZLE-POP YOU JUST HEARD WAS BRAINY TRYING TO MAKE THE CALCULATION. RIGHT, KID? KID?

YOU MEAN...

...YOU MEAN I COULD HAVE BEEN MARRIED TO ALL THAT?

HA! SHOULDA, COULDA, WOULD A. DON'T THINK ABOUT IT, SON. YOU DON'T WANT TO GO OUT CRYING...

...C'MON. LET'S FOLLOW THE LADIES...



I SUPPOSE I'M EXPECTED TO SAY I KNEW THIS WAS COMING.

IF YOU WERE THAT SHARP, SWEETIE, YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN TO STAY AWAY FROM THE CARBO-HYDRATES...



WAIT! NOT YET. I...

...I NEED...

...THERE'S JUST...

...I WANT TO...



...OH, HELL.

MMMMMMMMMMMM



INTERESTING.

THAT'S ALL YOU CAN SAY? YOU NEED TO GET OUT MORE, BUD.

WHEE--EW!

ARE WE READY? ARE WE SURE?

CHECK THE JOB DESCRIPTION, KIDDO.

WE'RE GIVING OUR LIVES TO SAVE THE GALAXY!

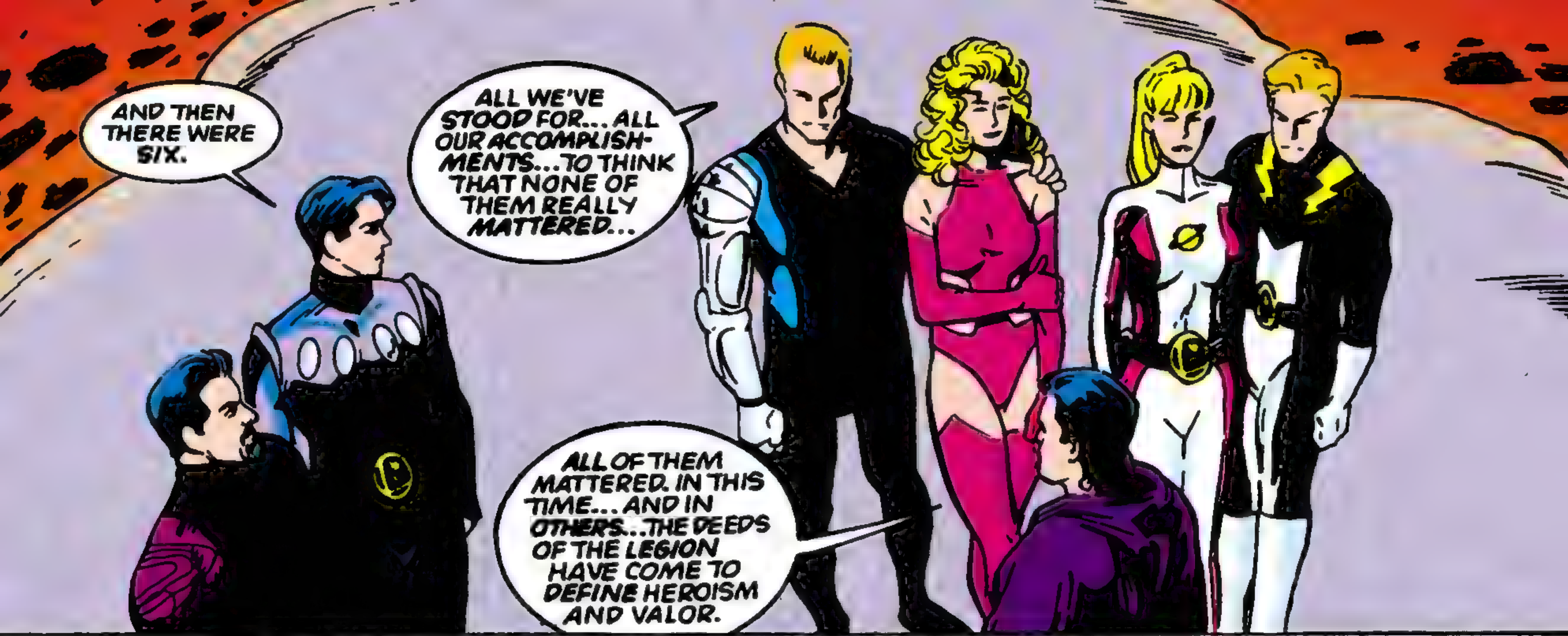


"THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT."

"THAT'S WHAT WE DO."







AND THEN THERE WERE SIX.

ALL WE'VE STOOD FOR... ALL OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS... TO THINK THAT NONE OF THEM REALLY MATTERED...

ALL OF THEM MATTERED. IN THIS TIME... AND IN OTHERS... THE DEEDS OF THE LEGION HAVE COME TO DEFINE HEROISM AND VALOR.



AS THIS REALITY FADES, SO SHALL MORDRU, GLORITH AND MYSELF... LEAVING THE TIMESTREAM STRONG AND UNCHALLENGED.

WITH OUR BANISHMENT, HISTORY CANNOT BE FRAGMENTED EVER AGAIN... AND THEREIN LIES THE GREATEST VICTORY OF ALL.



YOUR SACRIFICE WILL NOT BE IN VAIN. YOUR UNION CAN ENSURE THAT THE THIRTIETH CENTURY WILL BE AS IT ALWAYS SHOULD HAVE BEEN.

WILL... WILL THAT NEW ORDER INCLUDE US?

WILL THERE EVEN BE A LEGION AFTER TODAY?

WILL WE BE REMEMBERED?



IN ANY TIME, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A NEED FOR HEROES.

AND AS TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE... KNOW THAT SO LONG AS YOUNG CHAMPIONS ARE WILLING TO PUT THEMSELVES ON THE LINE TO DEFEND TRUTH AND FREEDOM... THEY WILL BE HONORED.



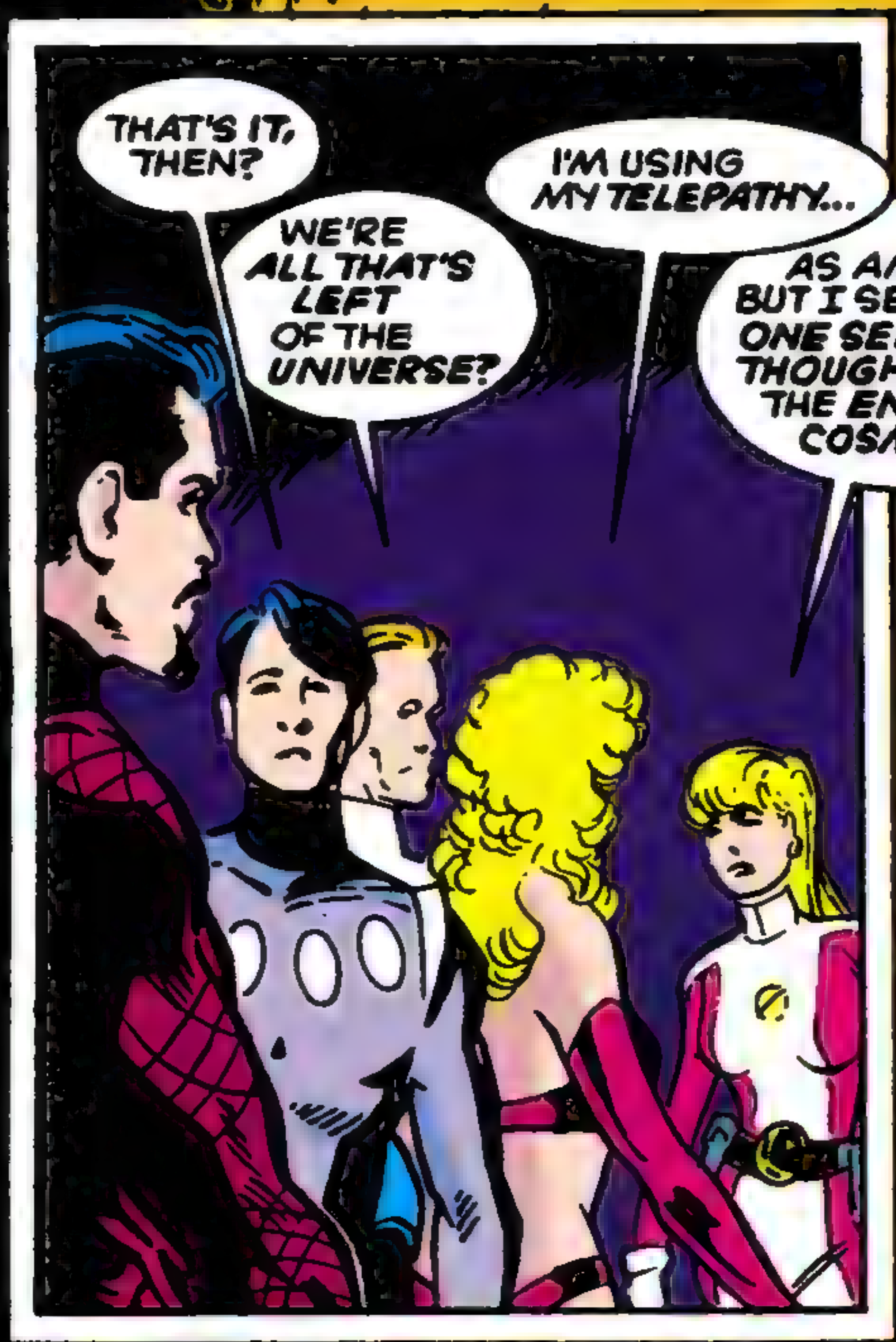
I LEAVE YOU NOW. I MYSELF HAVE ONE FINAL TASK TO PERFORM...

...AS DO YOU.

FARE WELL, MY FRIENDS... AND DO WELL. AS ALWAYS... THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS.







THAT'S IT, THEN?

WE'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT OF THE UNIVERSE?

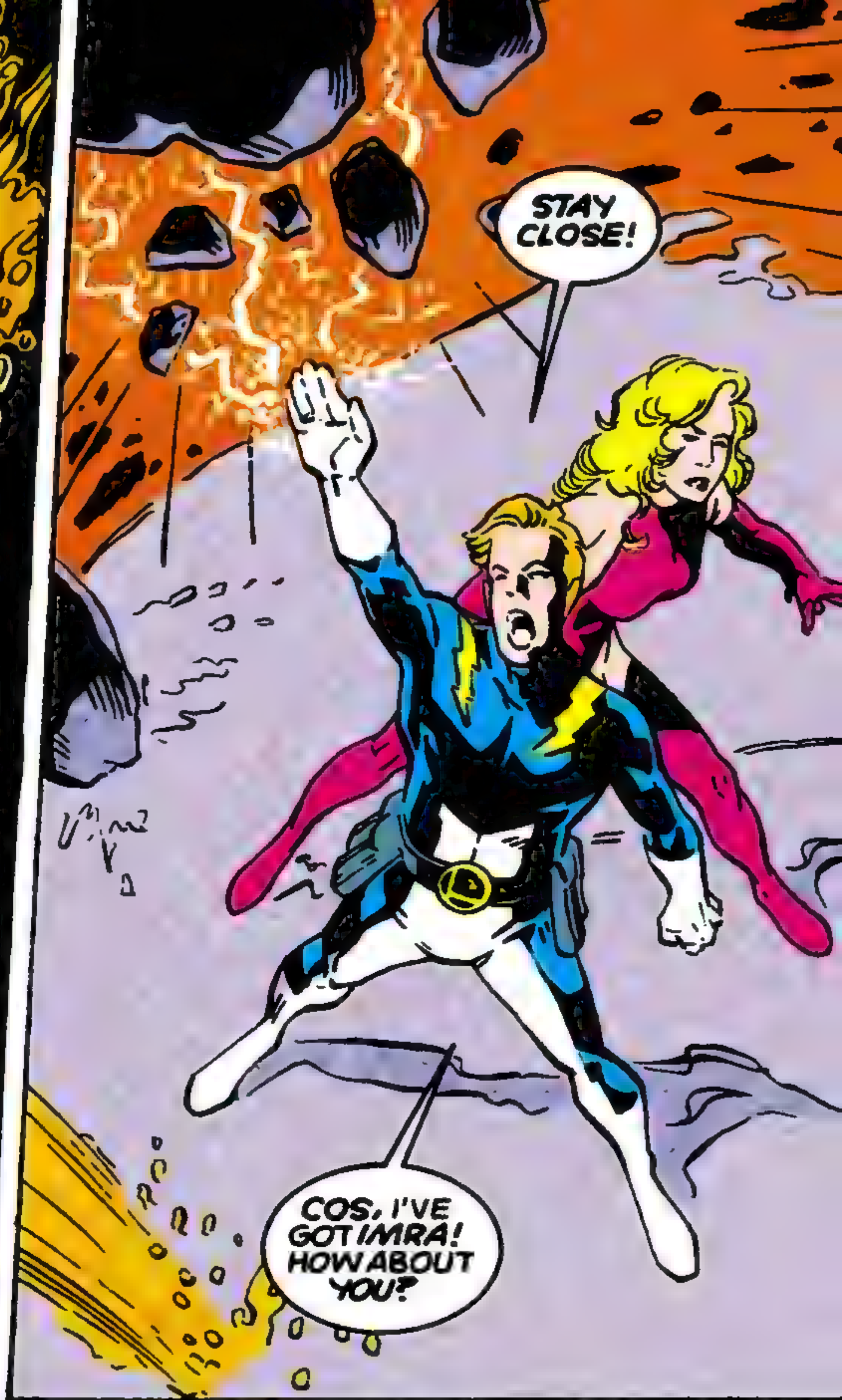
I'M USING MY TELEPATHY...

AS AM I... BUT I SENSE NOT ONE SENTIENT THOUGHT IN THE ENTIRE COSMOS!

**FWOOSH!**

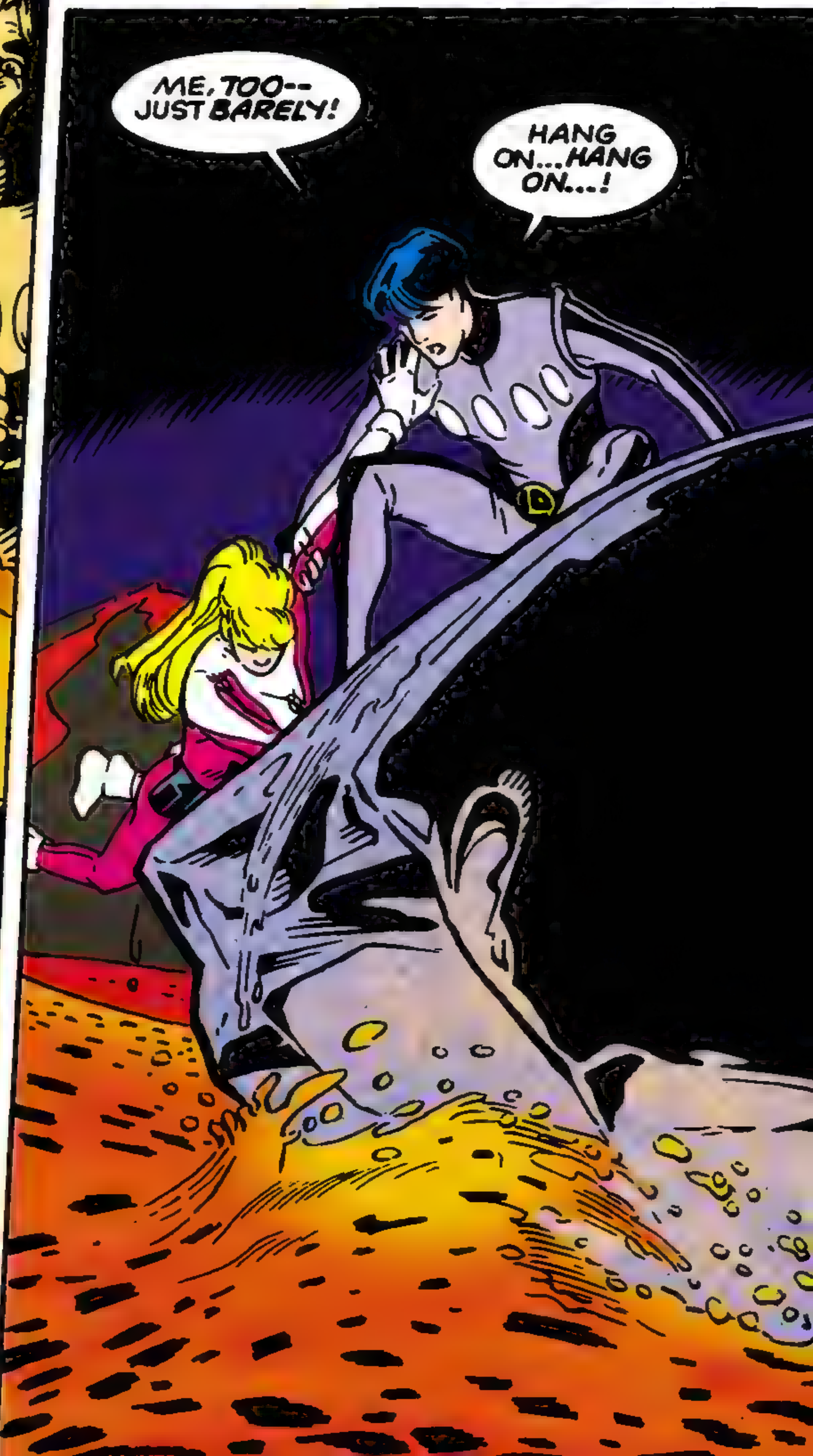
THEN WE'VE NO MORE TIME. GATHER--

--AAAGGH!



STAY CLOSE!

COS, I'VE GOT IMRA! HOW ABOUT YOU?



ME, TOO-- JUST BARELY!

HANG ON...HANG ON...!





IT'S ALL  
SLIPPING  
AWAY!

HURRY!



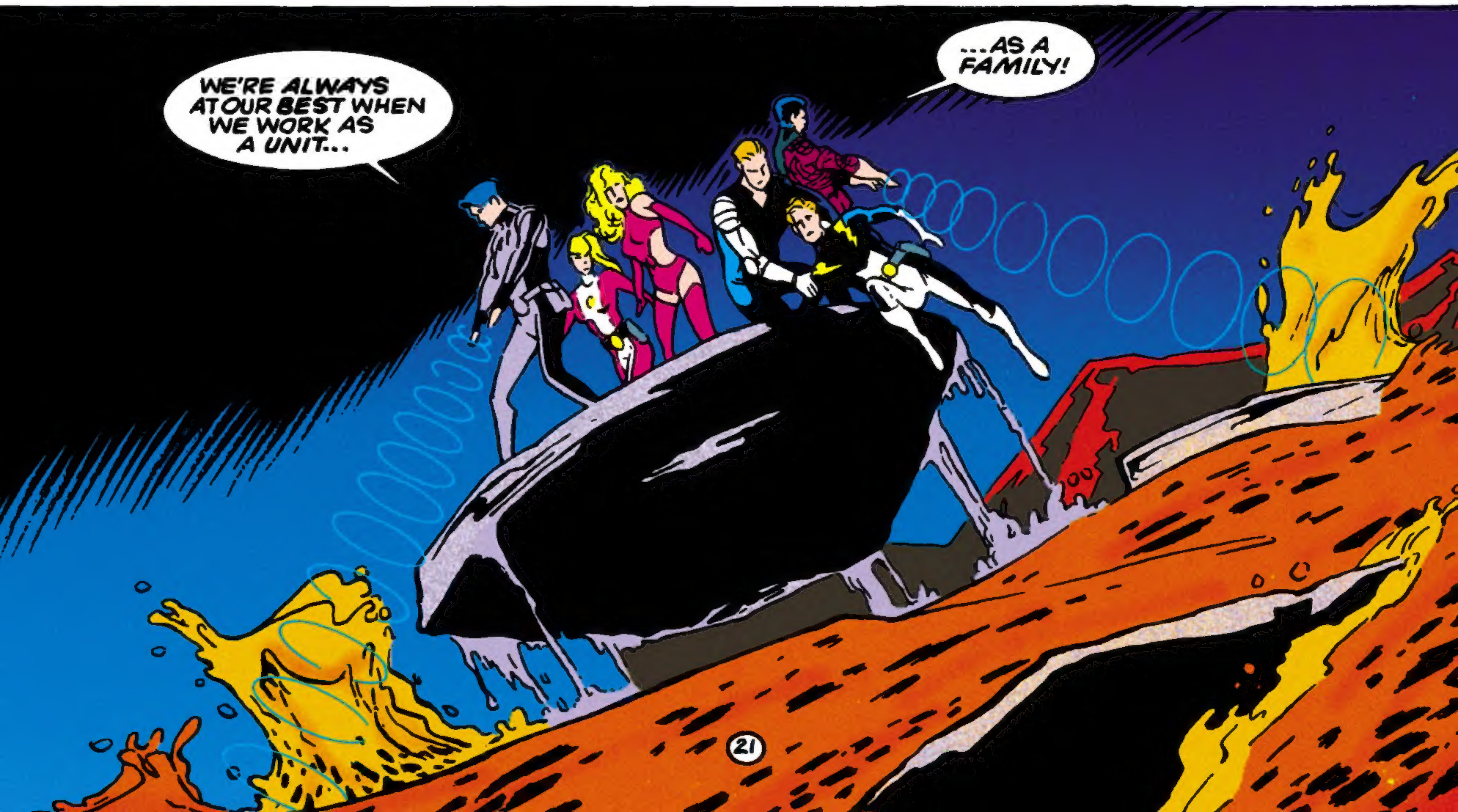
WHAT A TIME  
TO BE WITHOUT  
A FLIGHT  
RING...

...CAN'T  
STAND LONG  
ENOUGH TO  
JOIN  
HANDS...



YOU HEARD  
HIM! WE HAVE TO  
STEADY OURSELVES  
ABOVE THE PLANET'S  
SURFACE!

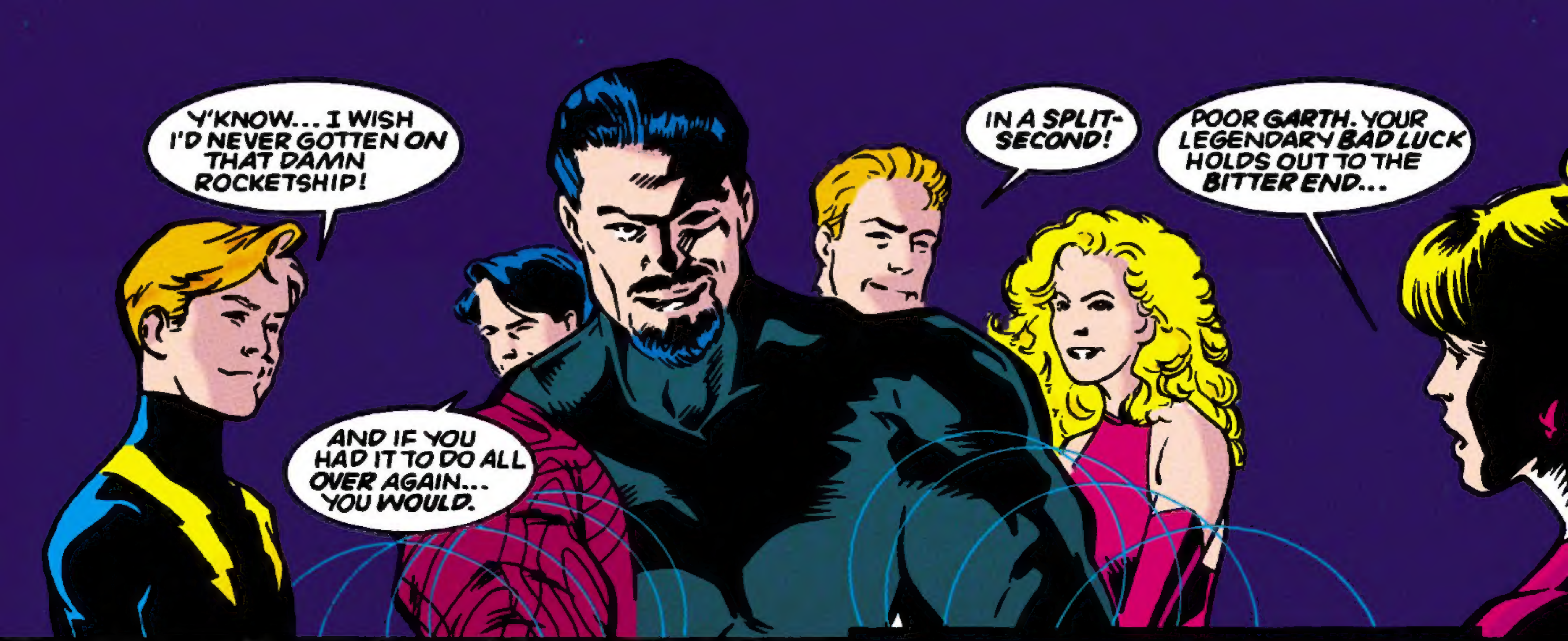
ROKK! WE  
HAVE TO POOL  
OUR  
POWERS!



WE'RE ALWAYS  
AT OUR BEST WHEN  
WE WORK AS  
A UNIT...

...AS A  
FAMILY!



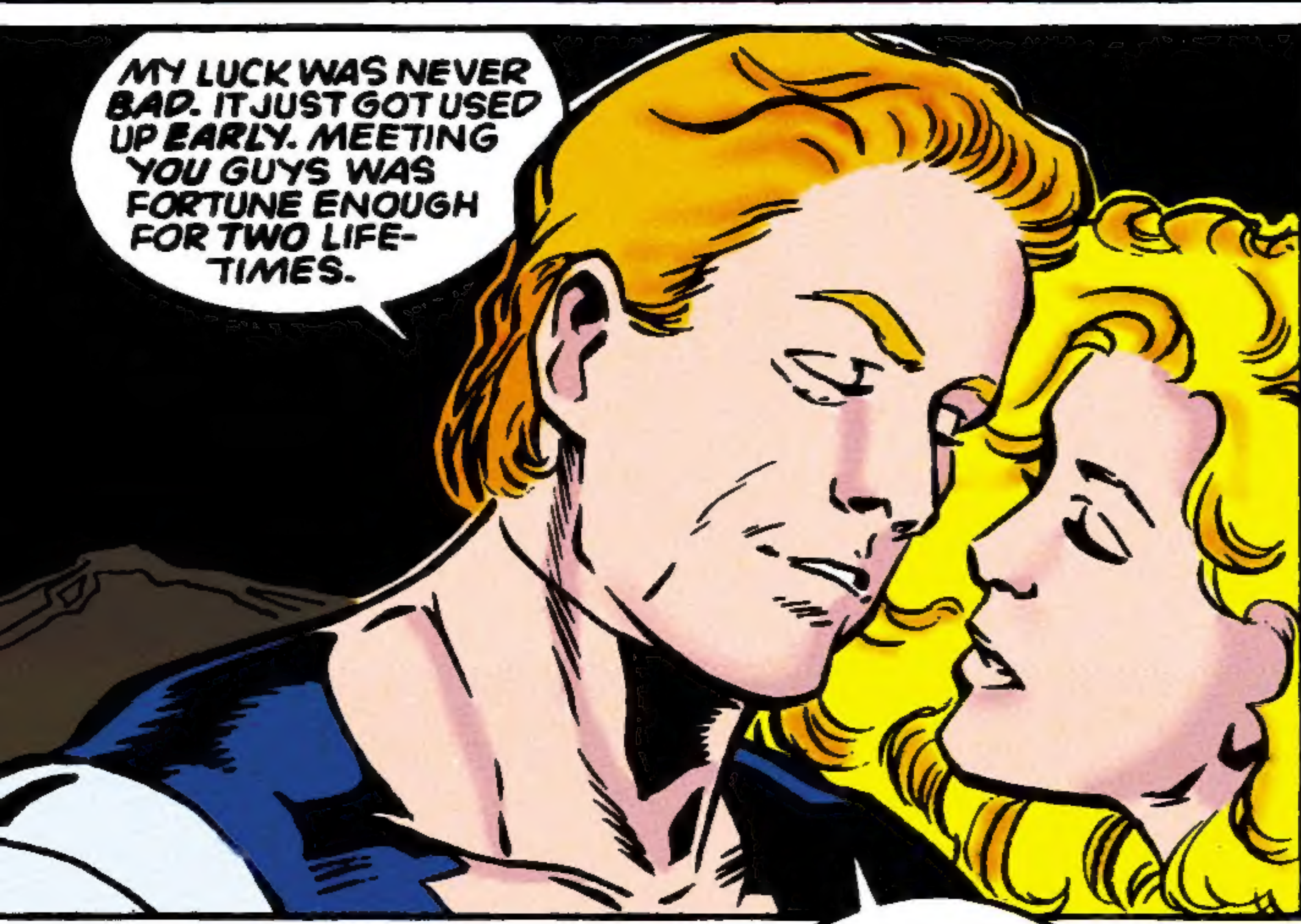


Y'KNOW... I WISH  
I'D NEVER GOTTEN ON  
THAT DAMN  
ROCKETSHIP!

IN A SPLIT-  
SECOND!

POOR GARTH. YOUR  
LEGENDARY BAD LUCK  
HOLDS OUT TO THE  
BITTER END...

AND IF YOU  
HAD IT TO DO ALL  
OVER AGAIN...  
YOU WOULD.



MY LUCK WAS NEVER  
BAD. IT JUST GOT USED  
UP EARLY. MEETING  
YOU GUYS WAS  
FORTUNE ENOUGH  
FOR TWO LIFE-  
TIMES.



BESIDES, IN  
THE END, IS  
THERE A LUCKIER  
WAY TO GO...  
THAN HAND IN  
HAND WITH THE  
PEOPLE YOU  
LOVE?

TO SPIRITS  
YOUNG... AND  
HEARTS  
NOBLE.

WHATEVER  
HAPPENS... MAY  
THEY ALWAYS  
BE WITH US!







LONG  
LIVE THE  
LEGION!



